

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application contains claims 1-30, which claims have been allowed.

Applicant thanks Examiner Westin for the courtesy of conducting a telephone interview at which time Examiner Westin pointed out the changes required to the claims and the Application Data Sheet. As requested, the claims have been given the proper identifiers.

A substitute Application Data Sheet accompanies this amendment in which the convention priority claim information has been underlined.

In view of the fact that all formal matters are now submitted to be complete, early issuance of this reexamination application is earnestly solicited.

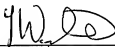
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-30, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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